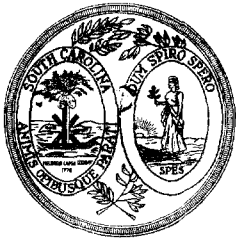


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The Honorable Reed Hundt  
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Dear Chairman Hundt:

The BellSouth application to provide long distance service to businesses and residential customers in South Carolina is now under review by your agency. I am contacting you on behalf of their request and I urge prompt, favorable consideration of the application.

The South Carolina Public Service Commission approved the BellSouth application on July 25, 1997, unanimously. Public interest of their entry into the long distance competition was also confirmed. Although the Telecommunications Act of 1996 allows 90 days for FCC action, the decision by our PSC in my opinion should speed up the process.

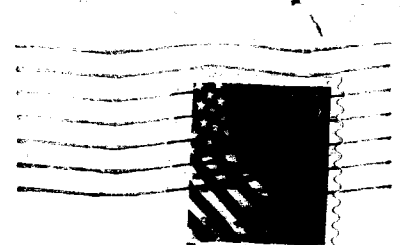
We look forward to the new competition BellSouth brings to the South Carolina long distance market. I believe many benefits will inure from the competition which will effect the service, new jobs and less cost to the South Carolina customer. I hope the FCC opinion will be forthcoming without delay!

Sincerely,

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Dear Chairman Hundt:

On July 25, 1997, BellSouth's application to provide long distance service to businesses and residential customers in the state of South Carolina was unanimously approved (7-0) by the South Carolina Public Service Commission (PSC). After intense hearings, the PSC certified that BellSouth has met the 14 point competitive checklist included in the Federal Act and they affirmed that the public interest will be served by the entry of BellSouth into long distance service provision.

I am writing in support of BellSouth's application and to urge the Commission to approve it without delay. South Carolina residents will enjoy the benefits of increased competition such as better prices, better service, and more telecommunications choices for both businesses and residential customers. I urge you to promptly consider and approve BellSouth's application.

With warm personal regards, I remain,

Very truly yours,

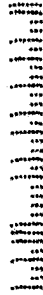
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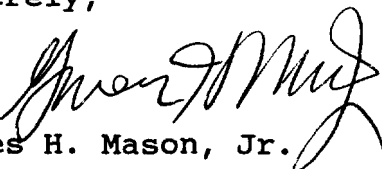
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Dear Chairman Hundt:

It is my understanding that on July 25, 1997, an application from BellSouth was approved seven to zero by the South Carolina Public Service Commission. It appears that BellSouth is now taking the next step of filing with the FCC. Since the Federal Communications Commission now has under review BellSouth's application to provide this long distance service to businesses and residences in the state of South Carolina, I hereby am writing in support of this application. It is my opinion that more competition in the long distance service area in South Carolina will result in better prices.

I would appreciate it if you would approve BellSouth's position as soon as possible so that we may have lower rates.

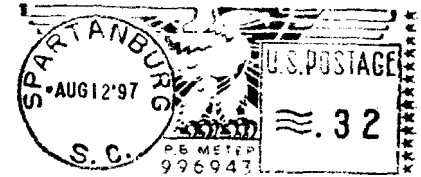
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